

# Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 2/28/06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-11.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:
    1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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\* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.

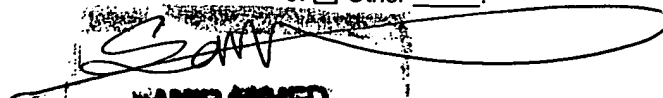
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
  5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
    - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
      - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
    - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

## Attachment(s)

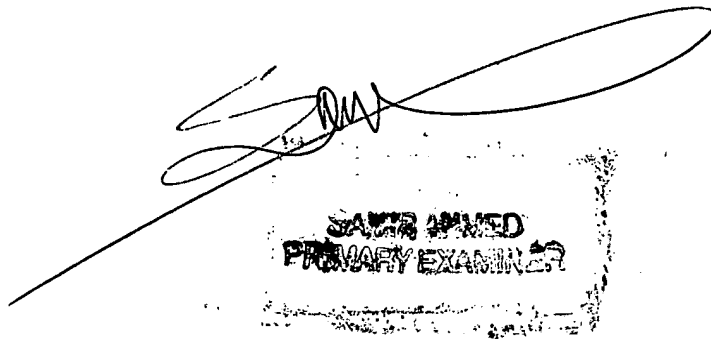
1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date 12/30/05.
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date 3/03/06.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

  
**SAMIR AHMED**  
**PRIMARY EXAMINER**

**EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.
2. Authorization for the following Examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Carolyn Baumgardner (reg. # 41,345) on 2/28/06 and 3/03/06, acting as applicants representative, authorized the following amendment:

Please amend claims 1 and 10 as shown on the attached pages 2 and 3.



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PROPOSED EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. (currently amended) An image synthesis apparatus, comprising:

a right infrared camera and a left infrared camera;

a right visible light camera and a left visible light camera; and

a first image synthesis processing device for synthesizing data output from the right infrared camera and the left infrared camera and data output from the right visible light camera and the left visible light camera so that a three-dimensional thermal image and a three-dimensional visible light image are observed by an observer as overlapping each other,

wherein the three-dimensional thermal image comprises a plurality of color tones having a predetermined correspondence with a luminance represented by the data output from the right infrared camera and the data output by the left infrared camera,

wherein a temperature of a subject can be inferred by the observer based on the predetermined color correspondence.

10. (currently amended) An image synthesis apparatus, comprising:

a slit device including a plurality of slits;

an infrared directing device for directing infrared toward a subject through the slit device;

a plurality of infrared cameras provided in a direction substantially perpendicular to a direction in which the infrared is directed toward the subject;

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a plurality of visible light cameras provided in a direction substantially perpendicular to a direction in which the visible light images a subject; and

an image synthesis processing device for synthesizing a plurality of thermal image data output from the plurality of infrared cameras so as to generate three-dimensional thermal image data, and

said image synthesis processing device synthesizing a plurality of visible light image data from the plurality of visible light cameras so as to generate three-dimensional visible light image data,

wherein the three-dimensional thermal image data comprises a plurality of color tones having a predetermined correspondence with a luminance represented by the data output from the plurality of infrared cameras,

wherein a temperature of the subject can be inferred by the observer based on the predetermined color correspondence.